

**To:** Chairperson and Authority Members                      **Date:** September 13, 2002  
**From:** Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director  
**Subject:** **Agenda Item 7 — Los Angeles Union Station Run-Through Tracks Presentation**

**Discussion**

The purpose of the Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) Run-Through Tracks project is to upgrade the efficiency of Union Station by constructing an elevated rail track to eliminate the stud end tracks.

The current operation of LAUS requires trains to pull into the terminal and then reverse their direction of travel after unloading and loading passengers. Since both entering and exiting trains must pass through the same set of tracks to connect to the main line, they are subject to delays either at the station platforms or on the connecting tracks while awaiting a slot at the platforms.

The Run-Through Project would extend two of the tracks southward from LAUS and provide a new connection into the BNSF main line on the west side of the river. This would allow some of the trains that use the station to avoid the pull in/back out situation.

A representative from HDR Engineering, Inc. will provide an overview of the plans and the alternatives investigated for the run-through tracks at LAUS.